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"REMEMBER  
PEARL  
HARBOR!"

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# USE THIS ENTIRE COUPON!!!

JUST PRINT PLAINLY ON THIS COUPON, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND SEND IT TO ME WITH 10¢ TO COVER COST OF MAILING AND HANDLING

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DEAR JOE,  
PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I AM ENCLOSED THIS COUPON TOGETHER WITH TEN CENTS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND MAILING MY BADGE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_



EXACT COPY OF BADGE  
IN THREE COLORS  
RED-WHITE-BLUE

CUT ON THIS LINE

## BULLETIN # 9

A million thanks, gang, from the Hangman and myself because of your sensational response to those cards we sent out to each of our G-Man Club members telling you about the new SPECIAL COMICS. Those answers are still pouring in and you've got the Hangman and me working overtime reading them—but we love it.

You can expect another card from us pretty soon giving you an inside tip on a new character in the next issue of TOP NOTCH COMICS. The BLACK HOOD said he is not going to let you know just yet who he is. He doesn't want to spoil the swell surprise in store for you. In fact he refuses to tell me also. For a solid half hour he had me in his place and kept talking about this strange character. Boy, trying to pry a secret out of that guy is like getting blood out of a turnip. Anyway, he certainly has me all hopped up. I'll be looking forward with just as much eagerness as you will for that June TOP NOTCH.

Just one last thought before we close this month's letter. It is about Ace Elworthy's keen idea for local Shield G-Man Clubs to be organized in different cities; each club to keep in touch with one another. Ace suggests that these clubs ought to be organized really efficiently with Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, etc. He even suggests dues from the club members. That last part, of course, is entirely up to yourselves. But the idea, in the main, sounds grand to us. I can't think of a better way to spread friendship and goodwill among all our members and to bring us all a little closer together. Besides, it should prove a lot of fun.

Another thing, how about using those extra dimes for government stamps. REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR.

*Joe Higgins (The Shield)*

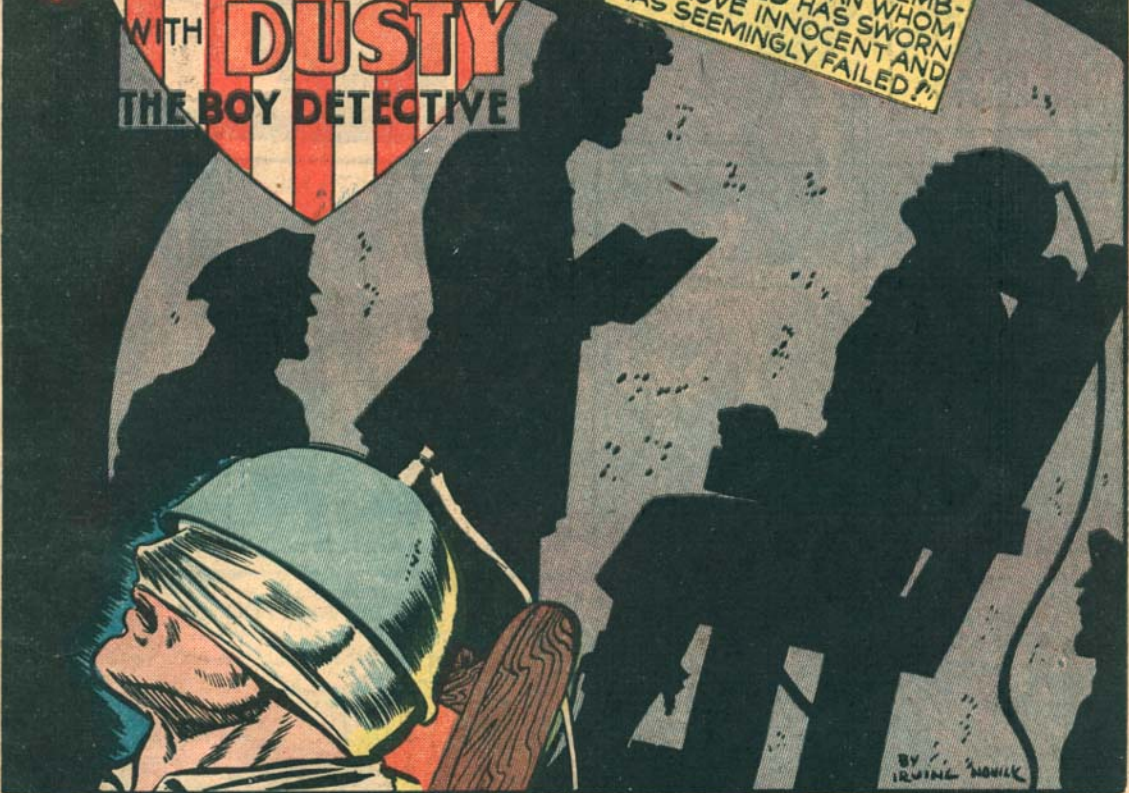


THE ONE AND ONLY

# SHIELD

WITH **DUSTY**  
THE BOY DETECTIVE

AS THE DREAD HOUR OF MIDNIGHT APPROACHES CARRYING DEATH IN ITS WAKE, A MAN SITS IN ITS THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WAITING FOR A MILLION VOLTS TO SHOCK THE LIFE OUT OF HIS TREMBLING BODY-A MAN WHOM THE SHIELD HAS SWORN TO PROVE INNOCENT AND HAS SEEMINGLY FAILED!

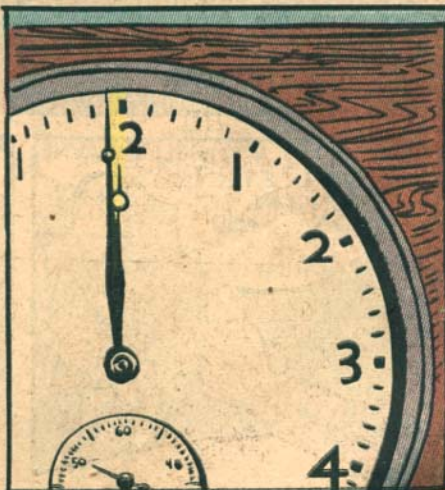


BY IRVING THOMAS



JUST A MATTER OF SECONDS NOW BEFORE I GIVE HIM THE JUICE!

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE -



SECONDS TO GO! 30.. 20.. SECONDS TICKING AWAY A HUMAN LIFE.. PERHAPS AN INNOCENT ONE -



NOW, BUT  
TEN SECONDS  
TO LIVE...  
TEN SECONDS  
WHICH TO A  
MAN DOOMED  
TO DIE  
ARE TEN  
ETERNITIES!  
AND THROUGH  
HIS TORTURED  
BRAIN PASS  
IN SWIFT  
SUCCESSION,  
THE EVENTS  
LEADING UP TO  
THIS FATAL  
MOMENT!



IT ALL BEGAN THAT NIGHT WHEN, I,  
BILL WAYNE, HAD THAT QUARREL  
WITH MY EDITOR-



YOU GET OUT OF THIS  
OFFICE, WAYNE, AND  
STAY OUT - YOU'RE  
FIRED!



THAT SUITS ME  
FINE - I'M SICK  
AND TIRED OF  
YOU AND YOUR  
PAPER!



BLANKETY-  
BLANK  
FATHEAD!

(SNIFF-  
SNIFF) I  
SMELL  
SOMETHING  
BURNING.  
THE EDITOR  
JUMP ON YOU  
AGAIN, WAYNE



I'M GONNA GET  
PLASTERED AND FORGET  
ABOUT IT - THAT'S WHAT  
I'M GONNA DO!



WELL, IF IT HELLO, WAYNE  
ISN'T DETECTIVE  
RONSON. SIT  
DOWN AND  
HAVE A  
DRINK!



DROWNING  
SORROWS,  
WAYNE?

SOMEBODY ELSE I'D LIKE  
TO DROWN - THAT RAT  
BROWN, MY EDITOR!







OFF HAND, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU KILLED HIM IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL! ONLY THING I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS HOW YOU GOT THAT "R" ON YOUR JAW! EVIDENTLY YOU WERE SOCKED!



BROWN HAD NOTHING IN HIS HAND THAT COULD HAVE MADE THAT IMPRESSION!..HELLO - LOOKS LIKE MORE COMPANY! HELLO, RONSON!



HELLO, SHIELD! I WAS TALKING WITH OFFICER JONES WHEN WE HEARD A SHOT! WHO DID IT?

WAYNE, I GUESS!



HMM! SO YOU CAME BACK HERE AFTER I TOOK YOU HOME AND KEPT YOUR THREAT, EH WAYNE? OKAY - COME ALONG!

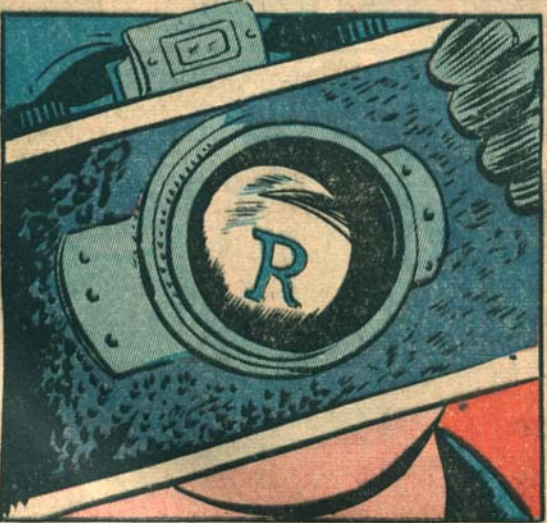


LATER IN HIS CELL, WAYNE IS VISITED BY THE SHIELD AND DUSTY -

BUT I TELL YOU I DON'T REMEMBER A THING, SHIELD!



I KNOW, WAYNE! I JUST WANT TO GET A PICTURE OF THAT MARK ON YOUR JAW!



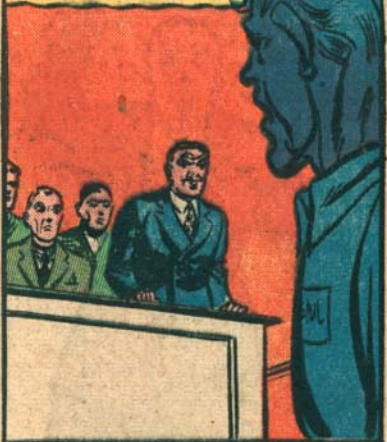
JUST SIT TIGHT, WAYNE... THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING... AND IF YOU'RE INNOCENT I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!



THANKS A LOT SHIELD!



BUT THE WEEKS PASS BY WITH NO WORD FROM THE SHIELD UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TRIAL ARRIVES, AND...



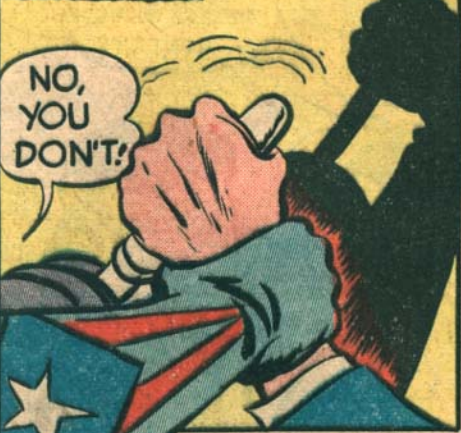
WILLIAM WAYNE, I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



THE TEN SECONDS ARE UP! AND THE EXECUTIONER'S HAND PREPARES TO DIM THE MEMORIES IN THAT TORTURED BRAIN FOR ALL ETERNITY!



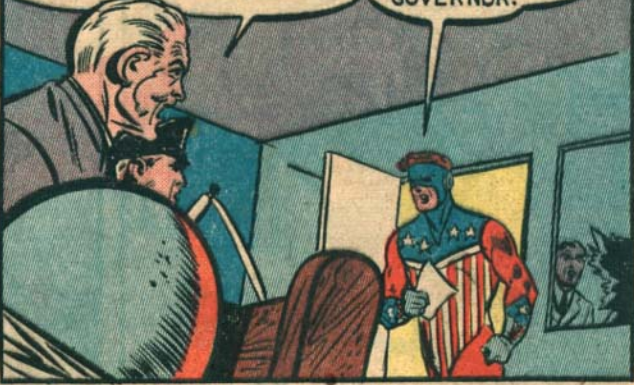
SUDDENLY-----



NO, YOU DON'T!

THE SHIELD! WHAT THE DEVIL DO YOU MEAN INTERFERING WITH THIS EXECUTION!

NOT SO FAST, WARDEN! I HAVE A REPRISAL FROM THE GOVERNOR.



YOU'LL FIND OUT AT THE TRIAL!



HMM... SO IT IS... AND A NEW TRIAL, TOO! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT SHIELD?

THE NEW TRIAL BEGINS



THE SHIELD! TAKE THE STAND!

DON'T WORRY, BILL! IT'S A GINCH!





**THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TAKES OVER.**

AND NOW, SHIELD JUST WHAT IS THIS BOMB-SHELL YOU'VE BEEN HINTING AT?

JUST THAT I REALLY KNOW THE REAL MURDERER!



AND THERE HE IS... GEORGE RONSON, THE DETECTIVE

WHAT!



IT'S A LIE, I HAD NOTHING AGAINST BROWN HE CAN'T PROVE A THING!



THE HECK HE CAN'T RONSON!

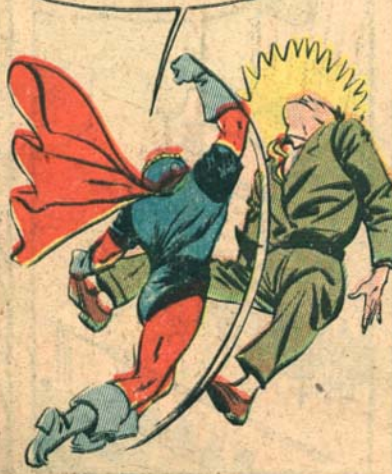


DIDN'T EXPECT TO ME SEE ALIVE, EH RONSON?



OH! OH! MUSTN'T TRY TO RUN AWAY!

SEE WHAT I MEAN!



THAT'S FOR TOSSING ME OUT OF A WINDOW, IN CASE YOU FORGOT





I.E.R...DON'T THINK MR. RONSON  
WILL GIVE US ANY MORE  
TROUBLE, LAD!



THE SHIELD  
TELLS HIS  
STORY



WELL YOUR  
HONOR WE WENT  
TO SEE BILL  
WAYNE AFTER  
HE WAS CONVICT-  
ED.

I SUSPECTED SOMETHING  
FISHY RIGHT FROM  
THE FIRST. THAT'S WHY  
I PHOTOGRAPHED  
THAT "R" ON HIS CHIN!



JUST RELAX,  
BILL, WE'LL GET  
YOU OUT OF THIS.

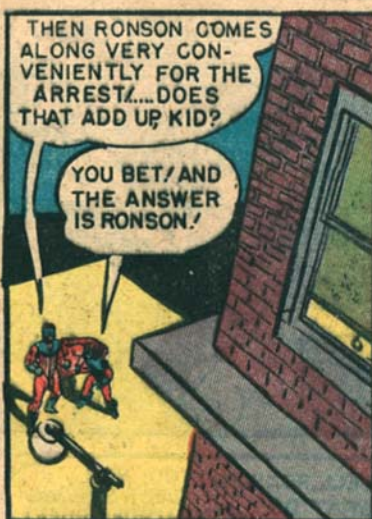


DUSTY!... GET THIS. WAYNE'S  
KAYOED BY SOMEONE  
WEARING A RING WITH  
AN R. AND BROWN HAD  
NO SUCH RING!



THEN RONSON COMES  
ALONG VERY CON-  
VENIENTLY FOR THE  
ARREST!... DOES  
THAT ADD UP, KID?

YOU BET! AND  
THE ANSWER  
IS RONSON!



THE SHIELD!  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT.



WE JUST WANT TO  
HAVE A LOOK AT  
YOUR RING FINGER.





WITH A QUICK GESTURE THE SHIELD RIPS THE RING FROM RONSON'S FINGER.



THIS IS IT ALL RIGHT.



COME ON RONSON, CONFESS. YOU KILLED BROWN, DIDN'T YOU?



STUBBORN EH?

UGH!



OOUH!

TALK...WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE RONSON.



WELL, RONSON! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

YOU...YOU... CAN'T STRONG-ARM (PUFF,PUFF) ME SHIELD.I (PUFF) DON'T KNOW NOTHING.



PHEW!...HE MAY BE A RAT, BUT HE'S A TOUGH ONE. LET'S GO, DUSTY.



OUTSIDE

ONLY THING TO DO NOW DUSTY IS TO CHECK ON RONSON'S EVERY MOVE UP UNTIL THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. HE MUST HAVE SLIPPED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE!





THE SHIELD BEGINS A LONG, PATIENT SEARCH THE DAYS DRAG INTO WEEKS AND MONTHS, BUT.....

# MAY

SUN	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2
				8	9
				15	16
				22	23
				29	30



# JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3		5	6
	8	9	10		17	18
	15	16	17		24	25
	22	23	24		31	



# JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			8	9	10	11
			15	16	17	18
5	12	19	26			







AND SO OFF  
RACES THE  
SHIELD—AS THE  
ZERO HOUR  
APPROACHES



HERE IT IS! THE  
GOVERNORS'  
MANSION.



I'M SORRY, SIR,  
BUT YOU CAN'T  
SEE THE  
GOVERNOR WITH-  
OUT AN APPOINT-  
MENT.



AFRAID  
I HAVE  
TO  
DISAGREE  
WITH YOU,  
PAL



WHAT DO YOU MEAN  
BARGING IN HERE  
LIKE THIS?



I'M SORRY, SIR,  
BUT THERE IS  
NO TIME FOR  
FORMALITIES,  
AN INNOCENT  
MAN IS ABOUT  
TO BE KILLED!



QUICKLY THE SHIELD PRESENTS THE EVIDENCE.  
AND THAT'S WHY I'M  
POSITIVE AN INNOCENT  
MAN IS SENTENCED  
TO DIE!

I'M SORRY, SHIELD.  
WAYNE'S BEEN TRIED  
BY TWELVE GOOD  
MEN, AND ON THE  
BASIS OF THIS EVID-  
ENCE, I CAN'T.....  
EXCUSE ME!



WH.....WHAT? WHAT'S  
THAT YES, YES, I'M  
LISTENING.....



THAT WAS YOUR YOUNG FRIEND, DUSTY... HE'S JUST GIVEN ME CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE. BILL WAYNE IS GOING TO GET A NEW TRIAL, SHIELD!



AND JUST WHAT WAS THIS NEW EVIDENCE, SHIELD?

I'LL LET DUSTY TELL YOU THAT HIMSELF, YOUR HONOR!



WELL, WHEN THE SHIELD LEFT TO GO TO THE GOVERNOR'S I KINDA HUNG AROUND RONSON. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY. FORCE OF HABIT, I GUESS.



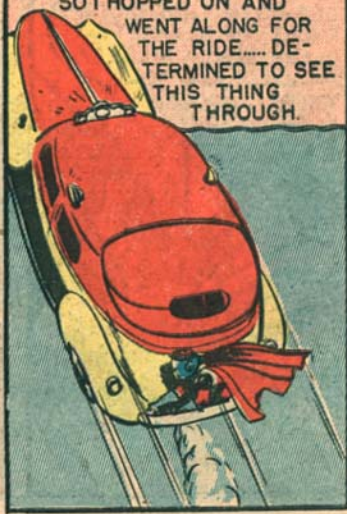
HE GOT HIMSELF ROARING DRUNK



THEN HE HAILED A CAB, GAVE THE DRIVER AN ADDRESS WHICH MADE ME PLENTY CURIOUS.



SO I HOPPED ON AND WENT ALONG FOR THE RIDE.... DETERMINED TO SEE THIS THING THROUGH.



WHY IS HE GOING UP TO BROWN'S OFFICE, I WONDER?



THEN, THE ANSWER CAME TO ME LIKE A FLASH. LIKE EVERY CRIMINAL, RONSON WAS RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF HIS CRIME.



HA, HA (HIC) AN OTHER HALF HOUR, AN WAYNE FRIES... FOR MY GRIME!





I HEARD THAT RONSON... YOU MISERABLE SKUNK

YOU!



RONSON CAUGHT ME NAPPING AND KNOCKED ME INTO A DICTAPHONE MACHINE.



THE THING STARTED TO GO... AND WHAT WE HEARD MADE US BOTH GASP. RONSON SOBERED UP... BUT FAST!



LET GO OF THAT DICTAPHONE, YA BLANKETY BLANK IMP OF HADES!

YOU'RE THROUGH NOW, RONSON!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

UGH!



I'LL FIX YOU FOR GOOD!

AND FOR A MOMENT, IT LOOKED LIKE HE'D MAKE GOOD HIS PROMISE!



BUT IF RONSON HADN'T BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO THAT DICTAPHONE MACHINE HE'D HAVE SEEN THAT MY FALL WAS BROKEN BY AN AWNING



THEY'LL NEVER GET ANY EVIDENCE ON ME, NOW!



OOO!... TALK ABOUT YOUR CLOSE SHAVES







I MADE MY WAY TO A DIGTA-PHONE STORE... WITH THE RECORD I'D MANAGED TO SAVE...



NOBODY IN... SO I'LL HAVE TO USE MY MASTER-KEY!



HURRY, OPERATOR! IT'S LIFE OR DEATH!

I GOT THAT RECORD ON ONE OF THE DICTAPHONES, THEN I CALLED THE GOVERNORS!



NOW I'LL STICK THIS ROD IN WAYNE'S HAND, AND BEAT IT!

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BROWN!

DON'T KILL ME RONSON. DON'T

BANG



YOU SEE YOUR HONOR... THAT DICTAPHONE WAS GOING THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER.

ALLRIGHT! YOU'VE GOT ME!



BUT NOT ALIVE!



THERE, YOUR HONOR, IS THE MOST CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF WAYNE'S INNOCENCE!

YES. CASE AGAINST WILLIAM WAYNE IS DIS-MISSED!



SHIELD! I... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU!

DON'T TRY WAYNE. JUST STAY SOBER, FROM NOW ON

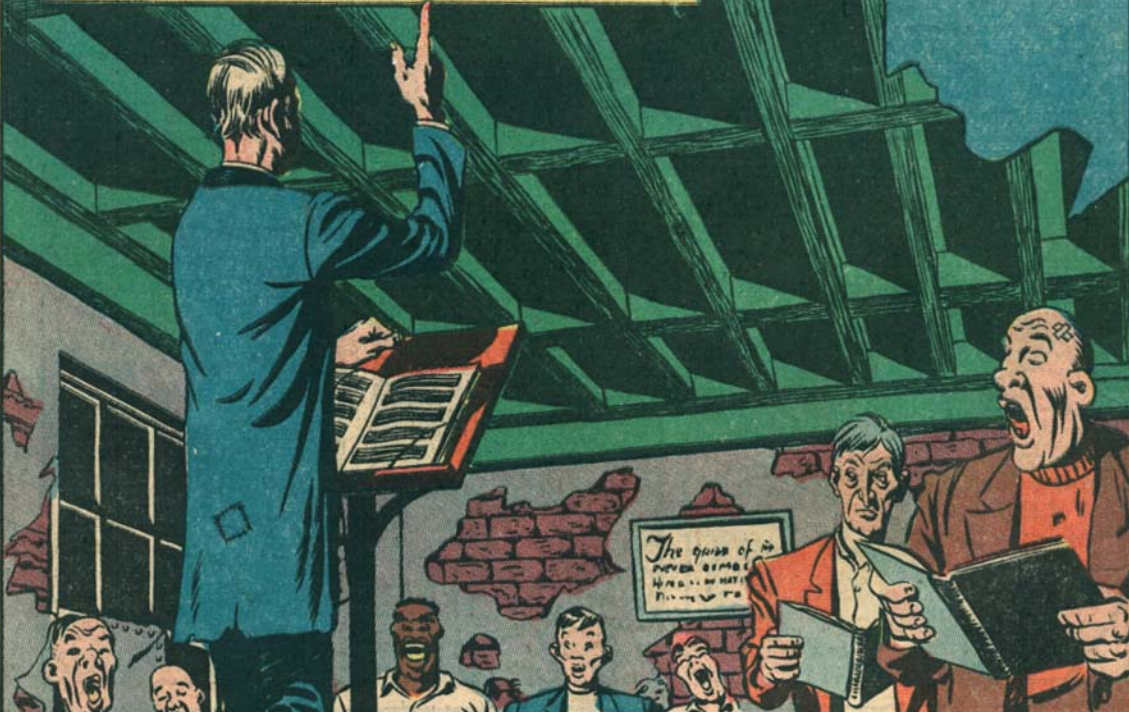
HA, HA, HA!

HERE'S A SCOOP FOR YOU GANG. THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS OF THE TREACHEROUS JAP ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR...RE-MEMBER PEARL HARBOR EH...YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT AFTER YOU READ HOW **STEEL STERLING** DESPERATELY TRIED TO AVERT THE CATASTROPHE IN THE **MAY** ISSUE OF.....  
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# THE HANGMAN

THE SCENE - A BOWERY MISSION SUPPOSEDLY, A REFUGE FOR THE WEARY DERELICTS. A HARMLESS SETTING, ONE WOULD THINK CERTAINLY NOT THE PLACE YOU'D EXPECT TO FIND THE HANGMAN! HMM --- THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE MISSIONARY! --- BUT YOU WILL! --- INDEED, YOU WILL!



IN THE MOTLEY CONGREGATION ARE BOB DICKERING AND THELMA GORDON ON A SLUMMING TOUR

MY SUCH RELIGIOUS FERVOR!

HEAR ME O LORD







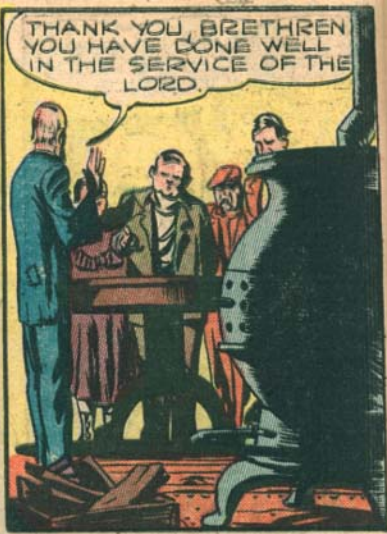




UHP---D--DROPPED SOME OF MY OWN MONEY.



HIS OWN MONEY, EH!-----I'LL HAVE A CHAT WITH BROTHER THOMAS SOON! HIS SOUL NEEDS A GREAT DEAL OF REVIVING. INDEED IT DOES!



THANK YOU, BRETHREN YOU HAVE DONE WELL IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD.



JUST A MINUTE, BROTHER THOMAS. I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.



THIS BRACELET! IT IS NOT A VERY GOOD ONE, IS IT?

GEE PREACHER IT WUZ DE BEST I COULD DO----PICKIN'S AIN'T SO GOOD LATELY!



ARE YOU SURE, BROTHER? HOW ABOUT THAT MONEY YOU HAVE.

IT--IT'S MY OWN, PREACHER! H-----HONEST!



FILTHY LOUT!-----VENGEANCE IS THE LORD'S-----FOR DOUBLE-CROSSERS!

AAAGH!



SUDDENLY-----

THE HANGMAN!!









GOOD HEAVENS!  
HANGMAN WHAT'S  
HAPPENED?  
I'VE  
JUST BAG-  
GED A VERY  
UNUSUAL  
CROOK,  
THELMA!



---AND I'M TAKING HIM  
TO THE POLICE ---  
TAXI!!



AT THE POLICE STATION  
THE HANGMAN TELLS HIS  
UNUSUAL STORY.  
---AND HE IN-  
SISTS THEY'RE  
CONTRIBUTIONS.  
THEY  
ARE!



TAKE A LOOK  
AT THESE "CON-  
TRIBUTIONS" DO-  
NATED BY DER-  
ELICTS WHO  
HAVEN'T EVEN  
GOT COFFEE  
MONEY!  
HMM---  
I'LL HAVE  
HIM PUT  
ON TRIAL  
RIGHT  
AWAY!



AT THAT MOMENT OUT-  
SIDE -----  
HERE'S THE MAUDE  
NIGHT COURT. ER ---  
STOP!! JAMES. IT'S  
RATHER LATE, YOU  
KNOW  
AND-----



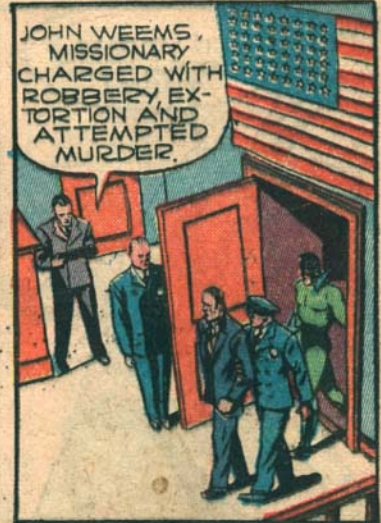
QUIET HENRY!!  
IT'S NEVER TOO  
LATER FOR MY  
CHARITABLE  
EFFORTS! ---  
YOU KNOW  
THAT!  
YES,  
MY  
DEAR!



NOW YOU WAIT  
HERE! --- I'LL BE  
OUT AS SOON AS  
I'VE HELPED SOME  
POOR UNFOR-  
TUNATE SOUL.  
YES  
MY DEAR!



HSST! HERE  
COMES THE  
MILLIONAIRE  
SCREWBALL,  
JOE! --- WON-  
DER WHAT  
CROOK SHE'LL  
GIVE A  
HAND-  
OUT TO-  
NIGHT!



JOHN WEEMS,  
MISSIONARY  
CHARGED WITH  
ROBBERY EX-  
TORTION AND  
ATTEMPTED  
MURDER.



THERE'S AN INTERESTING  
LOOKING PERSON. HE LOOKS  
LIKE A GENTLEMAN OF  
FINE CHARACTER. I  
WONDER WHAT HE'S  
DOING ON TRIAL!



POSING AS A MISSIONARY  
HE HAS ORGANIZED A  
BAND OF THIEVES AMONG  
THE DERELICTS ON THE  
BOWERY AND THEY BRING  
ALL THEIR LOOT  
TO HIM!



HERE'S  
THE EVIDENCE,  
YOUR HONOR!

I'VE BEEN ON THE  
BENCH FOR FIFTEEN  
YEARS AND YOU  
CERTAINLY ARE  
THE MOST CON-  
TEMPTIBLE TYPE  
OF CRIMINAL  
I'VE EVER  
COME ACROSS!



YOU DO ME A GREAT WRONG-  
JUDGE! TRUE, I RECEIVE STOLEN  
GOODS FROM THE MEMBERS  
OF MY FLOCK BUT IT IS ONLY  
TO SAVE THESE POOR MIS-  
GUIDED SOULS FROM THEM-  
SELVES. MY PURPOSE IS TO  
RETURN THE  
ARTICLES TO  
THEIR RIGHT  
OWNERS!



JUST A  
MOMENT,  
PLEASE!



I BELIEVE THIS MAN, YOUR  
HONOR. HE LOOKS LIKE THE  
SOUL OF HONOR TO ME!  
APPARENTLY THERE IS  
NO ONE TO PROTECT  
THIS PERSECUTED  
MAN BUT ME!



BUT MRS. DESNARK, I'M  
SURE YOU'RE MAKING A  
MISTAKE!



VERY WELL,  
JUDGE, I'LL PAY  
ANY BAIL NECES-  
SARY FOR HIS  
RELEASE.

BUT MADAM, YOU'RE  
MAKING A SERIOUS  
MISTAKE!



I'VE  
HEARD ENOUGH-  
COME ALONG,  
MY GOOD  
MAN!

MY CAR'S  
JUST OUT-  
SIDE  
THE  
DOOR!



WELL, I'LL BE-  
I'LL CATCH UP  
WITH THAT GUY  
AGAIN AND HE  
WON'T GET AWAY  
SO FAST!





YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NEED FOR CHARITY AMONG MY FLOCK! WOULD YOU MIND STOPPING AT THE CORNER A MOMENT?

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU, I HAVE MANY WEALTHY FRIENDS!



DON'T BE LONG, NOW! I HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!

I'LL BE BUT A MOMENT, I HAVE A GOOD SISTER - I HAVE AN ER-RAND OF MERCY TO PER-FORM!



HMM, IT LOOKS LIKE PROSPERITY IS ABOUT TO RAIN INTO MY SORELY DEPLETED COFFERS!



BUT NOW TO MAKE BROTHER THOMAS SEE THE LIGHT!



THIS IS HIS HUMBLE ABODE!



UPSTAIRS IN ONE OF THE APARTMENTS - I MIGHT IMAGINE THAT PHONY THINKING I WAS GONNA GIVE HIM ALL THE JACK!



SO MY STRAYING MEMBER HAS NO TRUST IN HIS FELLOW MAN, EH?



HOLD ON, BROTHER THOMAS YOU CAN HIDE NOTHING FROM THE EYES OF THE LORD!



HAND IT OVER, BROTHER! KEEP AWAY FROM ME - THIS IS MINE - YOU AIN'T GONNA GET ANY PART OF IT!



I WARNED YOU, FOOL! NOW YOU MEET YOUR MAKER.

AARGH!



STUPID LOUT-  
HE'LL NEVER  
DOUBLE CROSS  
ANYONE ELSE!



COME, WONDERFUL  
GREENBACKS, UNTO  
ONE WHO HAS GOOD  
USE FOR YOU!



GOOD BYE,  
BROTHER, PEACE  
BE WITH THY SOUL!



SOON AFTER -

MAYBE I CAN  
CATCH THAT LOAFER,  
THOMAS, IN NOW. HE'S  
BEHIND IN HIS RENT  
AGAIN!



HE DOESN'T  
ANSWER. I'LL  
TRY THE DOOR -  
I'LL HAVE NONE  
OF HIS TRICKS!



SAINTS  
PRESERVE US,  
HE'S DEAD!



MEANWHILE -

AH, MY PATRON  
ANGEL AWAITS  
PATIENTLY!



NOW, I CAN COME ALONG  
WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.  
I HAVE GIVEN ONE OF MY  
POOR UNFORTUNATE  
BRETHREN MUCH  
DESERVED PEACE!

YOU HAVE  
SUCH A  
FINE SOUL!

LET'S GET HOME,  
DEAR!



I'M GIVING A  
PARTY TOMOR-  
ROW NIGHT FOR  
SOME OF MY  
FRIENDS! I'M CER-  
TAIN YOU WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
BENEFIT YOUR  
CAUSE GREATLY  
THERE!





LATER-

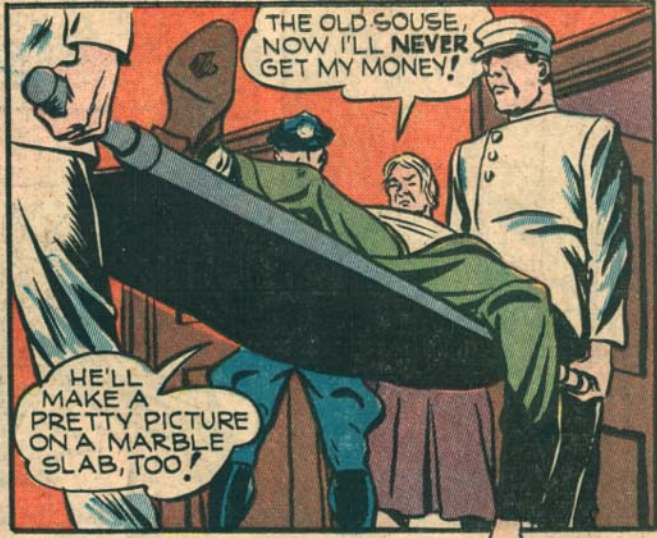
LOOKS LIKE HE FELL AND HIT HIS HEAD ON THE BED POST!

YEAH, DOC, AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS BOTTLE HE MUSTA HAD A SNOOT FULL!



THE OLD SOUSE, NOW I'LL NEVER GET MY MONEY!

HE'LL MAKE A PRETTY PICTURE ON A MARBLE SLAB, TOO!



THAT NIGHT AT THE MORGUE THE DOOR OPENS NOISE - LESSLY -



AND THE HANGMAN ENTERS

WHEN I SAW THIS DERELICT'S PICTURE IN THE PAPER I RECOGNIZED HIM AS THE SAME ONE WHO HAD QUARRELED WITH THE MISSIONARY!



I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT MURDERSOME MISSIONARY'S MIXED UP IN THIS!



LATER AT BOB DICKERING'S HOME -

THELMA, MY FRIEND, THE MISSIONARY ISN'T WASTING ANY TIME GETTING INTO THE RIGHT PLACES!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BOB?



THIS! AND A VERY INTERESTING BIT OF NEWS IT IS, TOO!



THE HANGMAN'S GOING TO BE AT THAT AFFAIR, THELMA, WITH OR WITHOUT AN INVITATION!

MY, BOB, YOU CERTAINLY SOUND GRIM. I'VE NEVER SEEN A CRIMINAL UPSET YOU THE WAY THE MISSIONARY HAS!





AT THE DESNARK HOME

QUAINT IDEA - TAKING A COLLECTION FOR DERELICTS, ISN'T IT?



HERE HE IS, GIRLS - THE REV. JOHN WEEMS!

MY, HE'S GUTE!  
ISN'T HE ADORABLE!

WHEN I SEE SO MANY KIND FACES ABOUT ME, I BEGIN TO REALIZE HOW MUCH GOODNESS THERE IS IN THIS WORLD. I KNOW YOU SHALL PROVE YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD MY LESS FORTUNATE FLOCK, TONIGHT.



ALRIGHT, PEOPLE, I'LL START THE DONATIONS WITH THIS 100 DOLLAR BILL - WHO'S NEXT?



THE LORD WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, SISTER - HAPPINESS AND GOOD LUCK WILL FOLLOW YOU ALWAYS!



I'LL LET MY HUSBAND TAKE CARE OF THIS, NO NEED TO TROUBLE YOU WITH MERE FINANCES!

WILL YOU EXCUSE ME, GOOD SISTER? I THINK I SHOULD TAKE A BREATH OF AIR!



CERTAINLY!

MEANWHILE - DARN MAUDE AND HER SILLY IDEAS!





SUDDENLY-







I THINK I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND FOR YOU!



JUST THEN-

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REV. WEEMS?

I JUST CAUGHT YOUR HOLY MAN TRYING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF ANGELS HOLD HIM WHILE I LOOK AFTER MR. DESNARK!



WELL, WEEMS, HE'S DEAD. YOU'VE KILLED HIM JUST LIKE YOU KILLED THOMAS. YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH - YOU'RE REALLY IN IT THIS TIME!

YES, I KILLED HIM. 'TIS AS WELL TO BE HUNG FOR A SHEEP AS A LAMB.



WHY, HE'S MOVING! HE'S ALIVE!

YOU'VE TRICKED ME WITH YOUR DEVILISH WILES.

YES, I'VE TRICKED YOU, ALRIGHT!



THE SAME WAY YOU TRICKED INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO STEALING AND ROBBING FOR YOU, YOU'VE FINALLY OUT-SMARTED YOURSELF AND TIED YOUR OWN NOOSE!



THE POLICE ARRIVE -

HERE YOU ARE, BOYS, TAKE HIM AWAY!

HENRY, DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT!

YES, DEAR, NO THANKS TO YOU THOUGH!



AND - FURTHERMORE - THE NEXT TIME YOU - BLA - BLA - BLA -

YES, HENRY, DEAR!

OH, BOY, HOW THE WORM HAS TURNED - THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME!

THE HANGMAN, MOST UNIQUE CHARACTER IN COMICS APPEARS ONLY IN PEP & SPECIAL COMICS



# DANNY

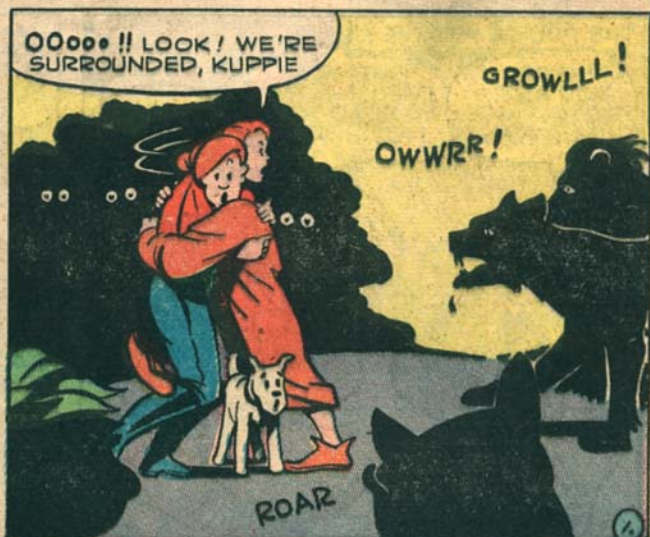
## IN WONDERLAND



YEEOW! THAT WUZ CLOSE, DANNY!



OOooo !! LOOK! WE'RE SURROUNDED, KUPPIE





TH--- THEY'RE CLOSIN  
IN ON US !! WE'RE  
SUNK! ---- G'BYE, KUP-  
PIE OLE PAL! G'BYE  
SNAPPER!



JUST THEN, A MONKEY  
SCREAMS A WARNING  
MESSAGE IN ANIMAL  
LANG-  
UAGE---



THE SAVAGE BEASTS LIST-  
EN INTENTLY AND ----



SUDDENLY, TURN AND  
SCAMPER FRANTICALLY  
INTO THE JUNGLE.



G-- GOLLY! WHAT  
A CLOSE SHAVE!  
WONDER, WHAT  
MADE 'EM 'RUN?

DANNY!  
THOSE  
BUSH-  
ES! ----  
THEY'RE  
MOVIN'!



THE REASON FOR THE  
ANIMALS'  
FRIGHT---



THE CHASE CONTINUES  
UNTIL ----



RUN FOR YOUR  
LIFE, KUPPIE!  
THAT'S THE  
MOST FEROCIOUS  
LOOKING LION  
I EVER SAW!

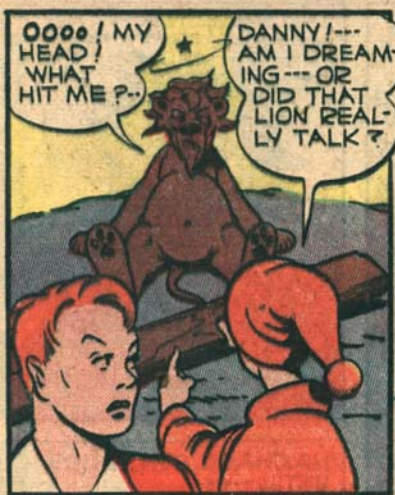




DANNEE! WAIT FOR ME!--- OOPH---



I'M NOT REALLY A LION. I'M UNDER A SPELL. THE WITCH WHO MADE ME INTO ONE WAS ALSO A PRACTICAL JOKER ---SHE KNEW HOW TIMID I REALLY WAS!













AT THE ARENA WHERE THE ANIMAL FIGHT IS TO BE HELD-



BOY, RINGSIDE SEATS - NOT BAD, DANNY!



YES! AND THEY COST ME PLENTY.. NOW FOR THE FUN!

THE SAVAGE BEASTS ARE LOOSED INTO THE ARENA --



AND THE KING'S TRUMPETERS ANNOUNCE THEIR FIERCEST CAPTIVE...



THE TIMID LION -



BUT THE SIGHT OF THE SAVAGE - SNARLING-VISAGED ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION IS TOO MUCH FOR THE LION'S FOES AND THEY TURN AND RUN --



C'MON BACK AND FIGHT, YA YELLA TOM CATS! I'LL MOW YOU DOWN - I'LL MAKE A NECKLACE OUT OF YOUR TEETH... I'LL-



(ULP) MY MAGIC TUFT - I'VE LOST IT!



G.GOLLY-I GOTTA FIND IT BEFORE THOSE TIGERS GET WISE - OR MY GOOSE IS COOKED!



OH, OH, THEY'VE SPOTTED ME - I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!





THE TIMID LION REALLY TIMID NOW, LEAPS FRENZIEDLY INTO THE GRAND STAND-



RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

MAD LION!

SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG, KUPPIE... LET'S GO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!



(SNIFF SNIFF) I LOST THAT MAGIC TUFT, DANNY - THEY'LL PULVERIZE ME, NOW!



THAT REALLY WASN'T A MAGIC TUFT, PAL - HONEST - IT WAS JUST A GAG! YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE WITHOUT IT!

THAT'S A FACT!



YA MEAN I HAD THOSE TIGERS SCARED STIFF WITHOUT ANY MAGIC STUFF?



OKAY, YOU ALLEY KITTENS! TAKE IT EASY. I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE FIGHT YOU WANT!



THAT'S THAT! NOW YOU KNOW WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE!



HIS BRAVE DEED DONE, THE SPELL IS BROKEN AND -



LATER, IN THE KING'S PALACE -

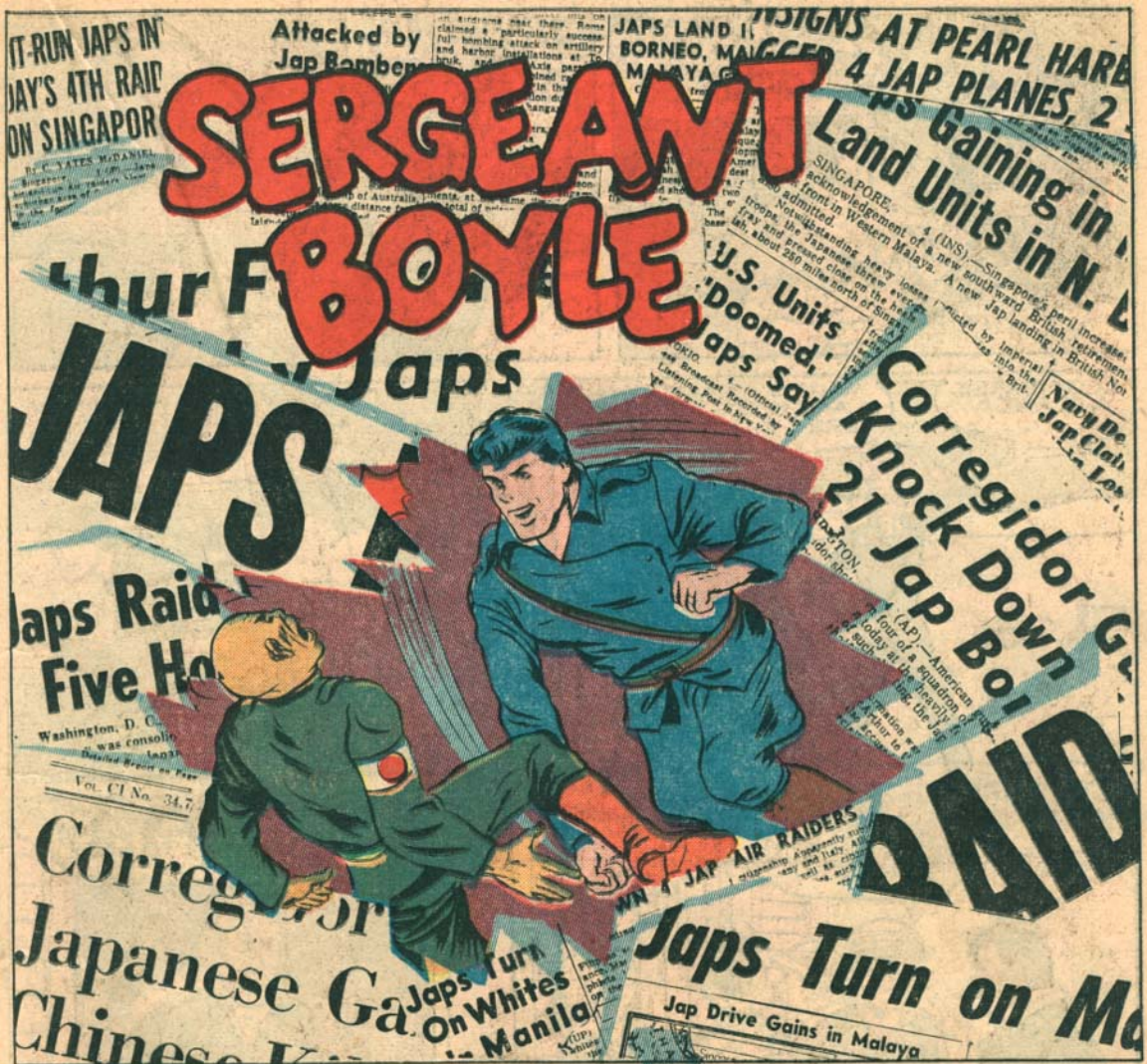
AND SO THAT'S HOW I CAME TO BE A LION, YOUR MAJESTY!

JUST THE SAME, YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF SPUNK, NOW, AND I'M GOING TO DUB YOU THE LEADING KNIGHT OF MY LAND!



THE END





IN SINGAPORE A COUNCIL OF WAR IS HELD AMONG THE ALLIED WAR CHIEFS -

AND SO, ALTHOUGH OUR DEFENSE IS AS STRONG AS EVER, WE MUST DEVELOP A STRONGER OFFENSIVE!

YES! WE JUST GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM WAVELL. THERE WILL BE A GENERAL SHAKEUP UNLESS SOMETHING'S DONE!

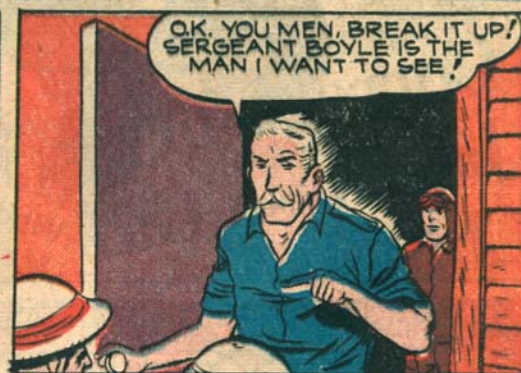


THERE'S ONE MAN WHO CAN BOOSTER THE SITUATION! HIS RECORD SINCE THE WAR BEGAN PROVES IT! HE'S FIGHTING IN LIBYA NOW! SERGEANT BOYLE!

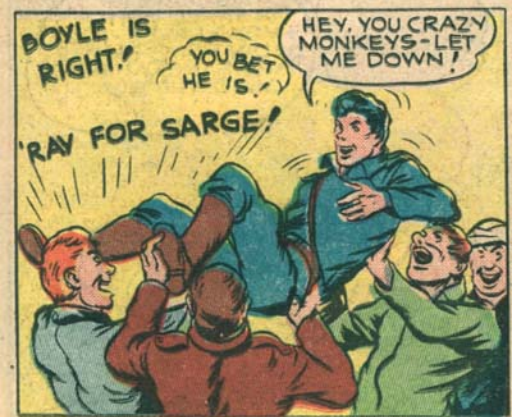
THAT'S RIGHT! GET BOYLE!















SO LONG, KID! I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SWELL TIMES WE'VE HAD!

S-SO LONG, (SNIFF) SARGE, OL' P-PAL!



HE'S OFF! VIPPEE! YAY!



YES SIR! THERE GOES ONE OF THE GREATEST GUYS I EVER KNEW!.. POOR OLD TWERP'S TAKIN' IT PRETTY HARD!

((SOB SOB))



MUCH AS I WANT TO GET MY OWN LICK IN AT THE JAPS I SURE HATE TO LEAVE TWERP BEHIND!



WHO IS HE? SHALL I LET HIM HAVE IT?

NO! LOOK AT THE WINGS! CHINESE! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE...



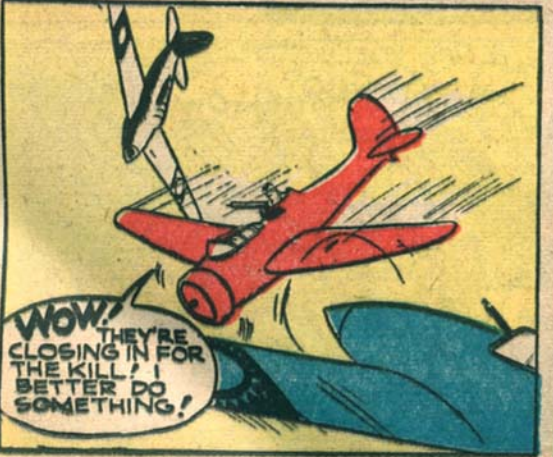
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS THEY APPROACH THE MALAY COAST-

GET THAT GUN LIMBERED UP, SARGE, HERE COME A COUPLE OF PLANES!

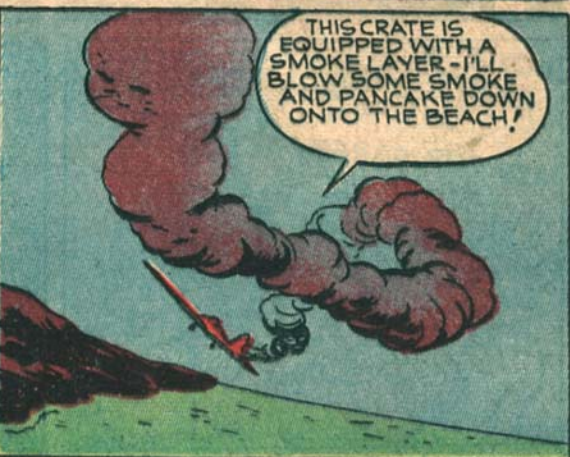


...DOING WAY DOWN IN THIS NECK OF THE - UGH!

MACHINE GUN! LOOKOUT! WHY, THOSE LOUSY SNAKES!



Wow! THEY'RE CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL! I BETTER DO SOMETHING!



THIS CRATE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE LAYER - I'LL BLOW SOME SMOKE AND PANCAKE DOWN ONTO THE BEACH!



SO THESE JAPS HIDE  
BEHIND CHINESE INSIGNIA,  
EH? EVEN THE HEINIES  
AREN'T THAT  
TREACHEROUS!



HE'S DEAD, POOR  
GUY! I'LL GET FIFTY  
OF 'EM FOR THIS!



IF I GET OUT OF HERE,  
I WILL! THEY MUST  
HAVE HIT THE GAS  
TANK! IT'S EMPTY!



NOTHING I CAN  
DO ABOUT THAT!  
LOOKS LIKE I'LL  
HAVE TO HOOFF IT  
THE REST OF  
THE WAY!



BOYLE TRAMPS DOWN  
THE COAST ALL NIGHT,  
NEXT MORNING -



A JAP!  
WHAT'S  
HE DOING  
HERE?

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HELLO!



BOP



HEY! WAKE  
UP  
COME OUT  
OF IT!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!  
HE HAS A GLASS JAW,  
DARN IT! NOW, HOW  
WILL I GET ANY INFO  
FROM HIM?



HOLY SMOKE!  
THERE WERE  
TWO OF 'EM!







SO YOU WERE GONNA KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, EH?



DON'T TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF YOU JAP-HAPPY BABOON! WHERE WERE YOU TWO GOING IN THAT SUB?

ME KNOW NOTHING! ME JUST CATCHEE SHRIMP FOR BLEAKFAST!



I DON'T LIKE JAPS SO I WON'T KID AROUND WITH YOU! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO TALK OR I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP!

NO TELL! YOU NO SCARE ME! NO TALK!

OH-OH-LOOKS LIKE FUJI IS COMING TO!

UGH UGH!



I BETTER TIE HIM UP BEFORE HE BEGINS TO GET GAY! BUT WHAT WITH??



YOU DON'T MIND IF I USE YOUR BELT TO TIE YOUR PAL UP, DO YOU?



而手画 AI/YI! NO TOUCHEE BELT! AIIIE!

?



I GET IT! THIS IS HIS SACRED BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES! IF I DAMAGED IT HE'D BE DISGRACED FOR LIFE!.. SAY!



GET READY TO TALKOR I HACK THIS BELT INTO LITTLE PIECES!

YES-YES! WE GO JOIN SUB FLEET FOR BIG ATTACK SINGAPORE! SECRET BASE ON ISLAND OFF COAST!



THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION! I'M BORROWING YOUR TUB FOR A WHILE!

FOLLOWING THE JAP'S DIRECTIONS BOYLE HEADS FOR THE SECRET NAVAL BASE--

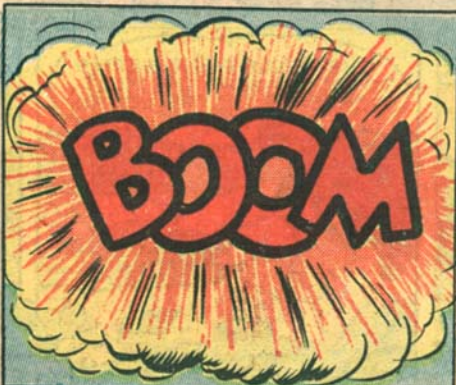


THIS MUST BE THE PLACE - SAY! IF THAT ISN'T A VOLCANO I'M A TWO-TOED TERRAPIN!











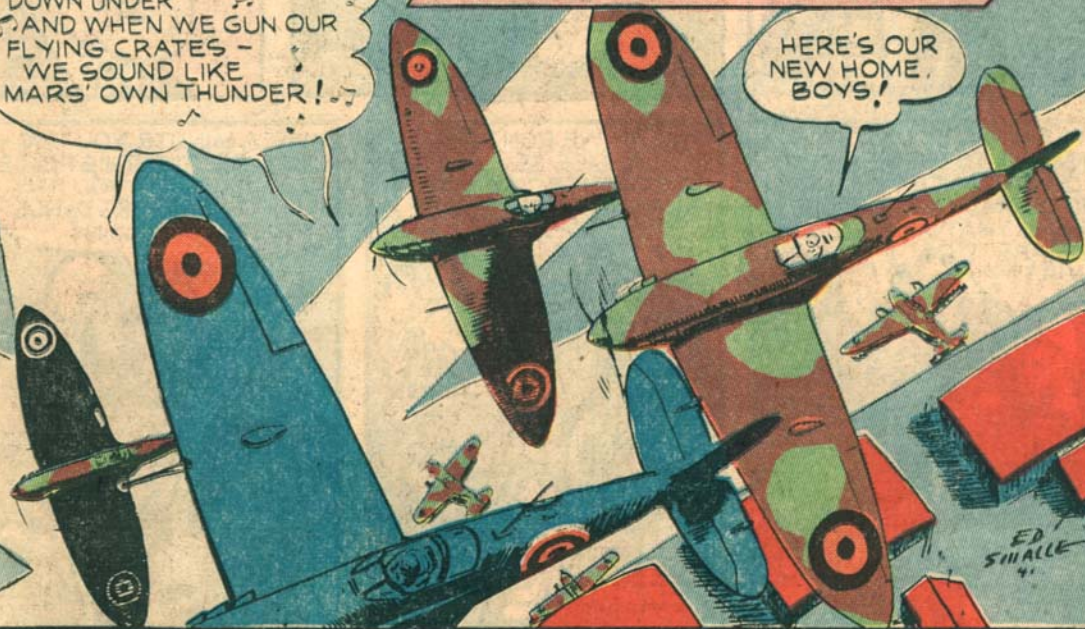
# JOLLY ROGER

## AND HIS SKY PIRATES

JOLLY ROGER AND HIS SKY PIRATES ARE SENT TO RUSSIA TO BOLSTER THE RED AIR DEFENSES. THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR NEW BASE JUST AS NIGHT FALLS ---

OH, ONE OF US IS FROM THE STATES - ANOTHER FROM DOWN UNDER  
AND WHEN WE GUN OUR FLYING CRATES - WE SOUND LIKE MARS' OWN THUNDER!

HERE'S OUR NEW HOME, BOYS!



### THE SKY PIRATES LAND -

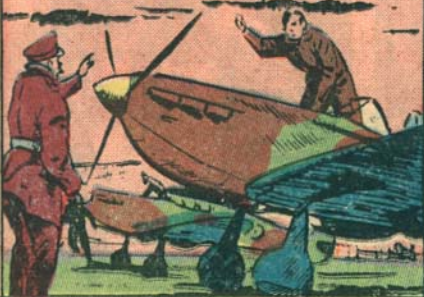
WHO GOES DERE?

HELLO! THIS IS THE SKY PIRATES' SQUADRON REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!

YOU MUST BE COLONEL VODKA - I'M JOLLY ROGER! THIS IS C.T. PRICE, MARTY MARTIN AND FRANK ROOT! WE'RE READY FOR ORDERS!

WELCOME TO RUSSIA, GENTLEMEN. IT'S TOO LATE TO PATROL NOW - SO WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE CHARITY FETE AT THE VILLAGE TONIGHT?

HOOT MON, IF IT'S A DANCE WE'LL BE THERE!





THAT NIGHT AT THE CHARITY FETE...

THIS MUST BE AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR - EVEN GENERAL VISK, IN CHARGE OF THIS SECTOR, IS HERE!



LOOK, ROGER! WHAT'S THAT LAD DOING, HIS MORN-ING EXERCISES?



NO, PRICE, HE'S DOING A FAMOUS RUSSIAN DANCE. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE VERY HARD TO DO!

IT DINNA LOOK HARD TO ME. BUT YE TAKE THE SCOTTISH SWORD DANCE. IT'S HARD AND GRACEFUL!



IT TAKES A HE-MAN TO DO OUR DANCE - NOT SOME-THING THAT WEARS SKIRTS!

WADDYA MEAN BY THAT, LADDIE?



I MEAN WE DON'T ALLOW SISSIES TO CRITICISE RUSSIA!

WHY YOU-



WAIT A MINUTE, YOU TWO - LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY, BOTH OF YOU TRY TO DO THE OTHERS DANCE - PRICE, YOU BEGIN!



WEEL, OKAY, LET'S SEE, OOF - UFF - NOW YE KICK WITH ONE FOOT - OOPS!



HAR-HAR - HE CAN'T DO IT SO I WIN!



OH, NO YE DON'T! YE HAVE TO DO THE SWORD DANCE!

HOKAY, COMRADE. YOU SHOW ME HOW AND I'LL DO IT!





VERRA WELL - IT GOES LIKE THIS -



PRICE TRIPS ON THE SWORD -



HO-HO HAR-HAR! DIS SISSY CAN'T DO HIS OWN DANCE, EVEN! HO-HO!



YE BLASTED BABOON! I'LL SHOW YE WHO'S A SISSY!



I'LL - GLUB -

JOOST TAKE IT EASY, LEETLE ONE!



JUST THEN - COMRADES, QUICK. DER NAZIS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH AND ARE HEADED THIS WAY!



COME ON - PIRATES! BACK TO OUR PLANES - THERE'S ACTION AHEAD!



THE GERMAN PANZER UNIT ENTERS THE TOWN -







AND ON THE ROAD TO THE AIR-PORT -

COME ON, GANG, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR PLANES OUT OF HERE!

WHERE'S PRICE?

OH, HE PROBABLY GOT HUNG UP SOMEWHERE!



PRICE HAS BEEN HUNG IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE -

THAT BLASTED RED! THIS IS HIS IDEA OF A JOKE!



HOOT MON! IT CANNA BE! THREE NAZIS ARE CAPTURING GENERAL VISK. I MUST STOP THEM!



PRICE WRIGGLES FREE AND RUSHES OUT - -



RIGHT INTO THE MIDST OF A NAZI TANK CREW -

WHAT THE - ?

OOOF!



SO I'M A SISSY, AM I? WELL - TAKE THAT - AND THAT!

DUNNER - IT'S A WILD MAN - OOF!



I'LL SHOW 'EM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KILTS AND SKIRTS!



WELL, WADDAYA KNOW, I'VE GOT A NAZI TANK ON ME HANDS! SAY, I COULD RESCUE THE GENERAL IF I HAD SOMEONE TO STEER THE BLASTED THING - LET'S SEE -



HERE'S ONE OF THOSE BLASTED ROOSIANS - HEY, COME OUT O' THERE! YE DON'T WIN WARS THAT WAY, ME LAD! COME ON OUT!



OH, SO 'TIS YOU! WEEL, YOUR GENERAL HAS BEEN TOOK BY THE NAZIS AND HAS GOT TO BE RESCUED!



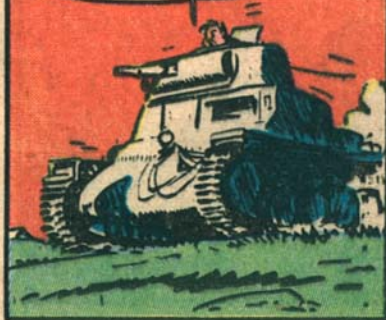
I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT A HE-MAN YE ARE - GET IN THAT TANK!

NO, NO, IT'D BE SUICIDE!

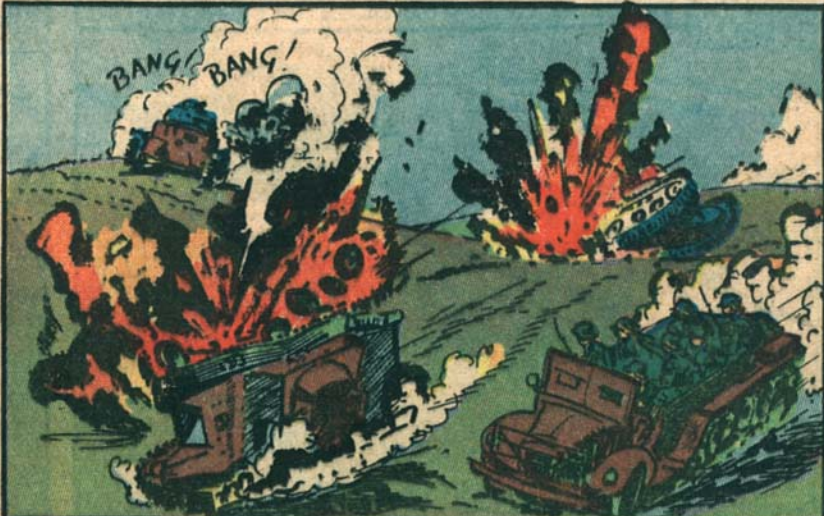
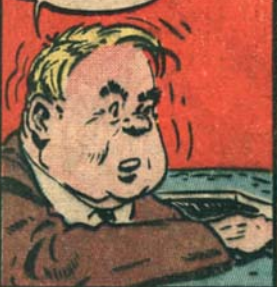


BUT THE SCOTCHMAN HAS HIS WAY AND THE TANK SOON STARTS OFF -

COOM, COOM, LAD! IS THIS THE FASTEST YE CAN GO?



AH, THERE'S THE GENERAL AND HIS ESCORT. HOLD 'ER STEADY, MAN - WHILE I DO A LITTLE PLAIN AND FANCY TARGET PRACTICE!



AMAZING, COMRADE. NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH GOOD SHOOTING!



PRICE AND THE RUSSIAN OVERTAKE THE SQUAD CAR -

HERE YE ARE, GENERAL VISK! WE COME FOR YE - SPECIAL DELIVERY!

CAMERADE! YE GIVE UP!



AH, COMRADE, YOU HAFF SAVED MY LIFE!

HEY! NIX, GENERAL!







WE'RE STILL IN NAZI TERRITORY, GENERAL. HARK! I HEAR PLANES!



IT'S PRICE, ALRIGHT! LOOK, HE'S GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!



HOOT MON! IT'S THE SKY PIRATES - THEY'LL SEE US SAFELY THROUGH-HOP IN, GENERAL!

WITH THE THREE SKY PIRATES BLASTING A PATH FOR THEM -



PRICE REACHES THE RUSSIAN LINES -



LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS



COMRADE C.T. PRICE, WE BESTOW OUR HIGHEST MEDAL TO YOU FOR YOUR DARING AND COURAGEOUS RESCUE OF GENERAL VISK!



OH, HE'S THE GUY WEARS THE KILTS AND CANNOT DO THE RHUMBA - BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WINNING WARS, NO ONE CAN STEAL HIS THUNDER ♪ FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW - ♪ FOR HE'S



LITTLE COMRADE, I APOLOGIZE. VILL YOU FORGIFF ME FOR CALLING YOU A SISSY? THINK NA' MORE ABOUT IT, LAD. YE'VE LEARNED YE LESSON AND SO HAVE I - NO MORE FANCY DANCES FOR ME!



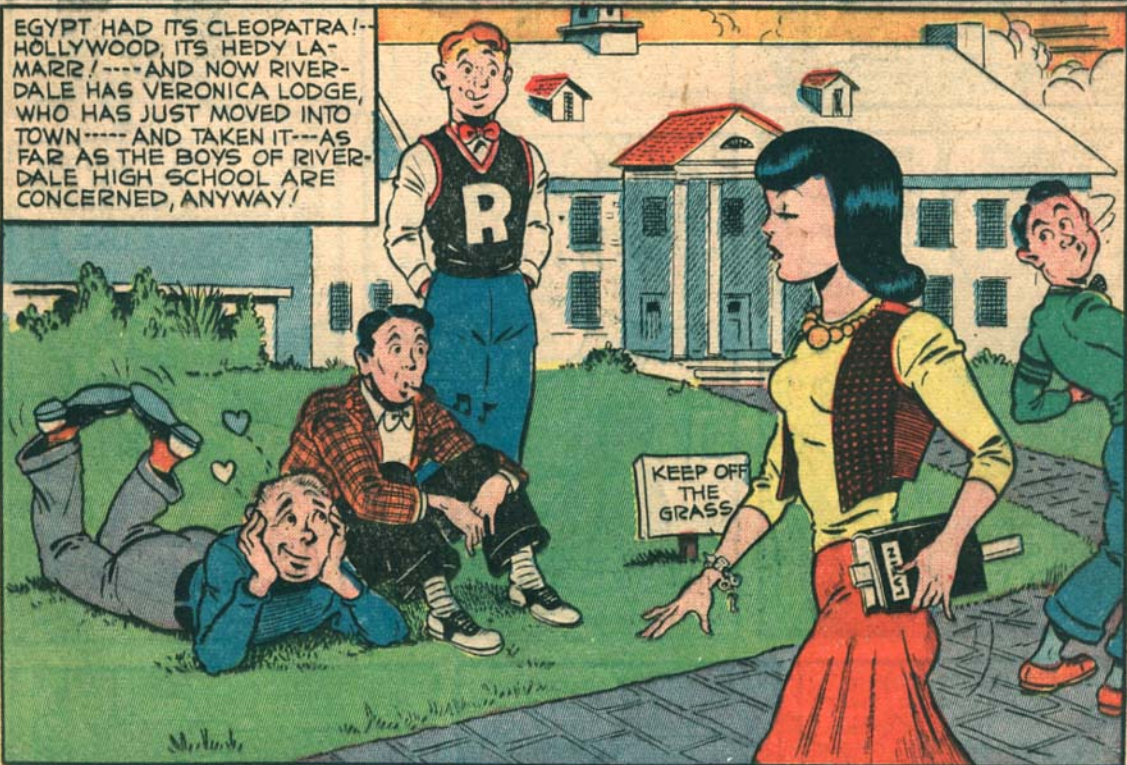
# Archie

by  Montland

GOSH !! WHO CARES ABOUT THE STAMPACT WHEN VERONICA'S MAKING HISTORY RIGHT HERE IN SCHOOL.



EGYPT HAD ITS CLEOPATRA! HOLLYWOOD, ITS HEDY LAMARR! ---- AND NOW RIVERDALE HAS VERONICA LODGE, WHO HAS JUST MOVED INTO TOWN ---- AND TAKEN IT --- AS FAR AS THE BOYS OF RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL ARE CONCERNED, ANYWAY!



I GOT IT !! HEY LEGGO! OUCH !!



AHEM! AH --- DID YOU DROP THIS?



OH, HOW CLUMSY OF ME. THANK YOU,---AH---

JUST CALL ME ARCHIE! COULD I---ER--- MAYBE--- I OUGHT TO CARRY IT HOME FOR YOU!

I DON'T USUALLY WALK HOME, BUT I WRECKED MY CAR AND DAD HAS THE TOWN CAR, AND SIS USES OUR STATION WAGON AN--

YEAH! SAY I'LL BET YOU'RE PRETTY BUSY EVENINGS, HUH!

MY, HOW UTTERLY EXTRA-VAGANT!!

BOY, OH BOY! I DID IT! JUGHEAD! I'VE GOT A DATE NEXT WEEK! WITH VERONICA LODGE!

KINDA FLYIN', HIGH AREN'T YOU, EAGLE? HER OLD MAN IS "MONEY BAGS" LODGE OF BEACON HILL!



WHY SHE'S A SUB-DEB!! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA USE FOR MONEY--- BUTTONS?

SHE IS!!! (GULP) HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT FIFTEEN CENTS YOU OWE ME!!

BUT POP!!! ALL I AM ASKING FOR, IS \$10 ON MY ALLOWANCE!

TEN DOLLARS! YOU'VE DRAWN INTO 1943 ALREADY!! EARN IT LIKE I DID AT YOUR AGE! GET A JOB!! WHAT ARE YOU LAZY---- DON'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION!

LET'S SEE--- WANTED BUS BOY, APPLY IN PERSON AT THE 'EL CROCA-DEARO--- BOY! A SWELL PLACE LIKE THAT OUGHTA PAY ABOUT THIRTY BUCKS!!



YOU'LL DO! THE JOB PAYS \$12 A WEEK IS THAT ALL!

TUX! DID YOU SAY TUX? I'LL TAKE IT! OF COURSE, WE SUPPLY THE TUX!!

THEN CAME 6 DAYS OF DIRTY DISHES-----





HOT DOG !! THAT'S WHAT I NEED --- FOLDIN' MONEY !!



I HOPE THE BOSS DOESN'T MISS THIS TUX TONIGHT !



MISS LODGE WILL BE RIGHT DOWN, SIR ! WILL YOU STEP INTO THE LIBRARY PLEASE ?

SOME JOINT !



WELL, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO VERONICA ?

I'D JUST LOVE TO GO TO MY FAVORITE PLACE !



THE EL CROCADEARO

WHAT ! OH GOSH -- Y-YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT THERE !



CAN'T WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE ?

DON'T BE SILLY, EVERY ONE WHO'S ANYONE GOES THERE !



DID YOU BRING YOUR CAR OR ARE WE TAKING A TAXI ?

TAXI ?

YES SIR !

I MEAN - TAXI !



ARCHIE DON'T YOU THINK THE EL CROCADEARO SERVES DELICIOUS AVOCADO CRAB-MEAT ?

UH-HUH



WOW ! \$ 4.70 !

KEEP THE NICKEL BUD.

GEE, THANKS MR. BENNY !



WELL, WELL !!! HELLO ARCHIE !

DEAR ME, ARCHIE IS SO IN-FLU-ENTIAL !

OH GOSH ! AH--HELLO, VERONICA GO AHEAD I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MINUTE !





WHAT'S THE IDEA GOIN' HOME WITH THAT TUX! THE OTHER BUS-BOY NEEDS IT. NOW TAKE IT OFF!!

AW GEE, BOSS! I HAVEN'T GOT ANY OTHER CLOTHES!! AND I'VE GOT MY GIRL HERE!



SOMEBODY'S GOT TO TAKE THESE DISHES OUT!! NOW YOU CAN EITHER TAKE THAT TUX OFF OR WORK.

I'LL WORK. WAIT'LL I EXPLAIN!



COME ON, VERONICA, LET'S DANCE.



OH ARCHIE, YOU DANCE DIVINELY.

JIGGERS, THE BOSS!! I GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'



MEET PENNY REEMS, VERONICA. HERE'S THAT DANCE I PROMISED YOU, PENN!

WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHERE I MET THAT CHARACTER.



PHEW! THEY DIDN'T SEE ME! TWO MORE LOADS AND I CAN REST!



(PUFF) JUST GOT BACK IN TIME!

RIGHT HERE, WAITER! WE'RE READY TO ORDER.



I'D BETTER GIVE THE ORDER TO PIERRE, THE CHEF MYSELF SO IT WILL BE JUST RIGHT!

GOODNESS ARCHIE! DO YOU KNOW THE CHEF TOO?



WHAT A SPOT! --- ENTERTAINING A SUB-DEB, AN' BEIN' A BUS-BOY AT THE SAME TIME!



DID YOU SAY AVO-CADO CRAB-MEAT, VERONICA!

OH MY GOSH! THAT'S \$5 A PLATE AN I HAVE ONLY \$ 7.25 LEFT OF MY \$12 SALARY!





I'VE GOT TO KEEP HER BUSY WHILE I GET THESE DISHES OUT. LET'S SEE ---- HMMM---THAT GUY LOOKS DUMB ENOUGH !!

PSST! VERONICA LODGE IS OVER HERE AND SHE'S JUST DYING TO MEET YOU!

HUH! WHO ME?

ARCHIE WHERE - EVER HAVE YOU BEEN ?

I WANT YOU TO MEET AN OLD PAL--MR.--AH---MR.

DEBILLS-BURY.

SURE, SURE! YOU TWO GO AHEAD AND DANCE-- I'LL SEE YOU LATER!!

GOSH SHE'S PURTY.

PH EW ONE MORE!

HEY SQUIRT! TAKE THE SILVERWARE OFF OF YOUR TRAY THIS TIME !!

ARCHIE ANDREWS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT TRAY ?

OH, I'M--AH--JUST SEEIN' IF I CAN LIFT IT----IT'S A BET !!

WELL, OF COURSE IF YOU'D RATHER MAKE SILLY BETS THAN BE WITH ME--- WHY

I'LL PUT IT DOWN RIGHT NOW! WAIT, RIGHT THERE!

ARCHIE LOOKOUT!





EEEK CRASH! HELP!



YEOW !!! WHAT DISHES ! OH WELL, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY THE CHECK ANYHOW --- AVOCADO GRABMEAT-NUTS !!!



4 A.M. THROUGH AT LAST !! HEY TONY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT BECAME OF MY GIRL FRIEND MISS LODGE ?

YOU MEANA DOT CUTE LEETLE BRUNETTES ? OH MR. REEMS, DA LEADER HE'SA TAKE HER HOME!



OH LOOK ARCHIE! DIANNA GARLAND IN 'DEBUTANTE, DAUGHTER, LETS SEE THAT!

AWWW! BETTY!! DON'T LIKE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DEBUTANTES!

IT LOOKS LIKE ARCHIE HAS HIS FILL OF SUB-DEBS. BUT WE'VE GOT A HUNCH VERONICA'S NOT THROUGH WITH ARCHIE! DON'T MISS THE NEXT HOWLING ADVENTURE OF ARCHIE IN PEP AND JACK-POT COMICS.

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BLACK HOOD  
TOP-NOTCH  
COMICS

**64** PAGES OF ACTION-PACKED THRILLING ADVENTURES AS THE MAN OF MYSTERY BRINGS CRIME TO ITS KNEES !!

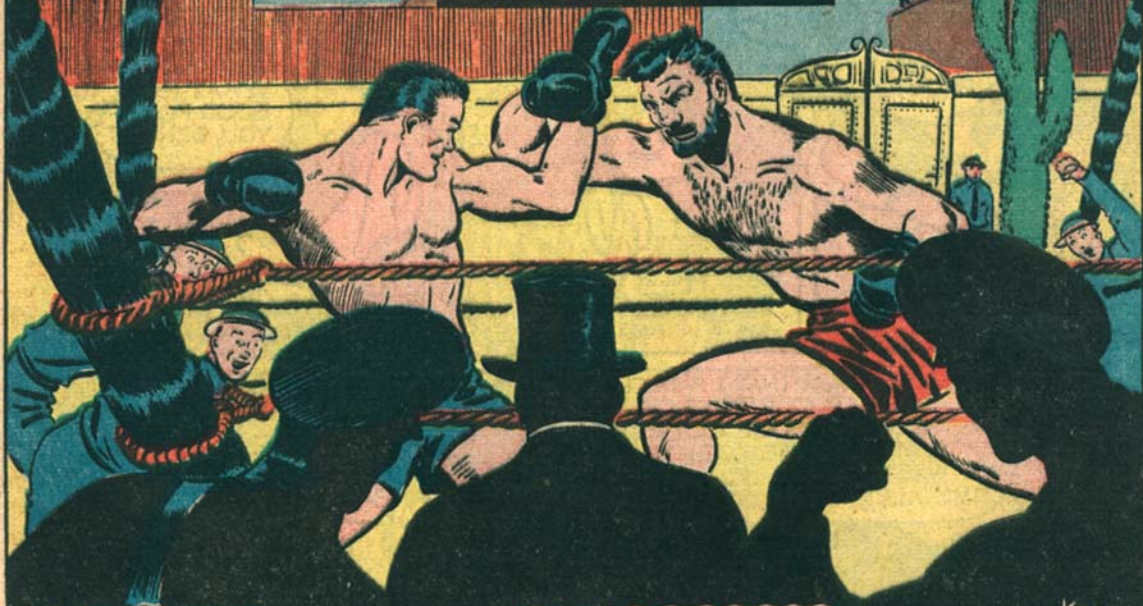
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# KAYO WARD

KAYO WARD HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE CHAMP IN THE LITTLE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF SAN PAULO WITH THE AID OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HE HAS MANAGED TO CROWD THE CHAMP INTO A TITLE FIGHT WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE COURTYARD OF THE REPUBLIC'S JAIL ...

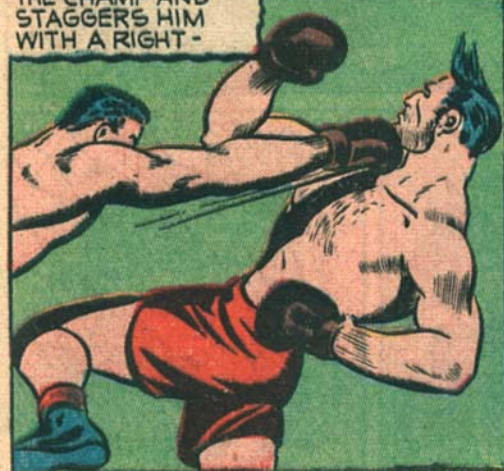


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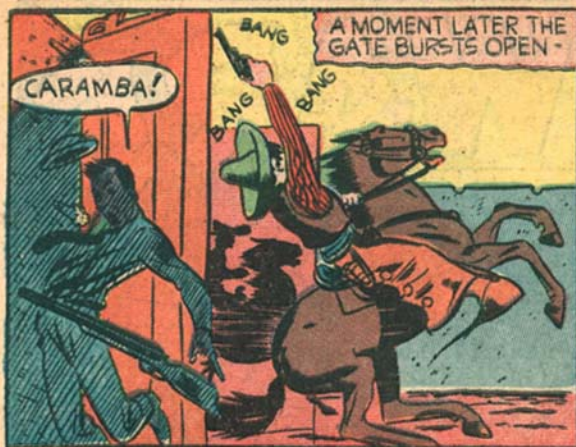
AS THE FIGHT BEGINS, KAYO RUSHES AT THE CHAMP AND STAGGERS HIM WITH A RIGHT -

SUDDENLY A VOLLEY OF SHOTS IS HEARD COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE YARD ---

AND - GOLLY! WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY!









WHERE ARE THEY TAKIN' THE PRESIDENT?



I CAN NOT TELL YOU, SENOR!

OKAY, BUDDY, MAYBE I CAN POUND IT OUT OF YOU!



WAIT! WAIT! I TELL!

THERE IS A PEAK ABOUT 10 MILES FROM TOWN, ALONG THE RIVER ROAD. THEIR HIDEOUT IS THERE!

YOU BETTER BE TELLIN' THE TRUTH, BUDDY!



TAKE THIS GUY TO THE GUARD HOUSE AND GET SOME MEN AND HORSES - WE'RE GOIN' AFTER THOSE GUYS!



A SHORT TIME LATER -



THAT'S IT! THERE'S THE MOUNTAIN HE TOLD US ABOUT!

THE ONLY WAY UP IS BY THAT NARROW PATH!



IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO GO THAT WAY - THEY COULD PICK US OFF EASILY!

HOW ABOUT THIS SIDE? THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF CLIMBING UP THE HILL!



NO, SENOR, IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!

HMM... I THINK IT CAN BE DONE!





BUT SENOR WARD YOU WILL BE KEELED / LOOK HOW HIGH EET EES



I GOTTA RISK IT GIMME A BOOST UP TO THE FIRST LEDGE, HUH?

AGAINST THE STRONG PROTESTS OF THE SOLDIERS KAYO STARTS TO CLIMB THE TREACHEROUS PEAK--



PULLING HIMSELF UP OVER NARROW LEDGES --



GRASPING AT BITS OF OVERHANGING SHRUBBERY---



BOY, THIS IS EVEN TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS!



PHEW--I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER!



WONDER WHERE THEY PUT HIM? I'LL HAVE A LOOK IN THAT SHACK!

KAYO PEERS INTO ONE OF THE WINDOWS AND SEES--



IT'S THE PRESIDENT / WHAT LUCK!

SUDDENLY--



SO WE HAVE COMPANY! COME WITH US-- WE WILL ENTERTAIN YOU!



SENOR PABLO!--- LOOK WHO WE FIND SNEAKING AROUND

SO!--- IT EES THAT BOX-FIGHTER!









I THEENK PABLO WEEL FIX THEES TREACHEROUS DOGS, NOW !!



FIRST, PEDRO - WHO WOULD SHOOT MY AMIGO IN THE BACK!



LIKE THEES!

BOY, PABLO, THAT'S FAST SHOOTIN'

BANG



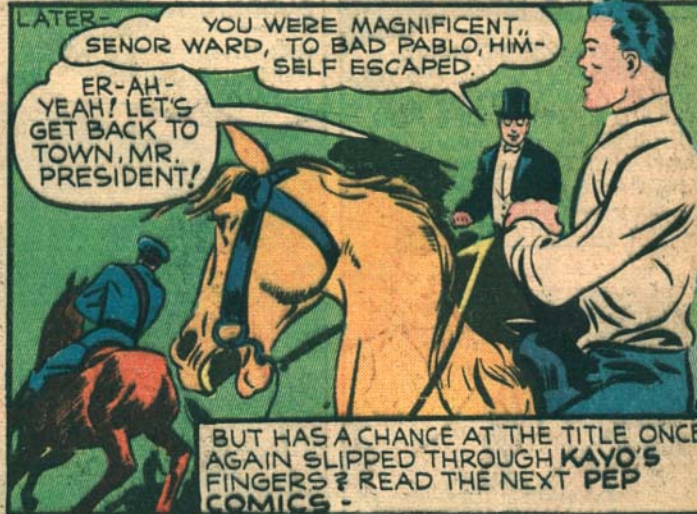
IT WAS NOTHING, AMIGO, YOU SAVED MY LIFE AND I RETURNED THE FAVOR!

THANKS, ANYWAY OH, OH, HEAR THOSE HORSES ? IT MUST BE THE TROOPS!



IT IS !--- I KNOW, I SHOULDN'T DO THIS, YOU'RE A BANDIT, AN'----- WELL, YA BETTER GET OUTTA HERE, PABLO

GRACIAS, AMIGO, WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME! HASTA LUEGA!



LATER-

YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT,, SENOR WARD, TO BAD PABLO, HIMSELF ESCAPED.

ER-AH-YEAH! LET'S GET BACK TO TOWN, MR. PRESIDENT!

BUT HAS A CHANCE AT THE TITLE ONCE AGAIN SLIPPED THROUGH KAYO'S FINGERS ? READ THE NEXT PEP COMICS -



# BENTLEY

of SCOTLAND YARD



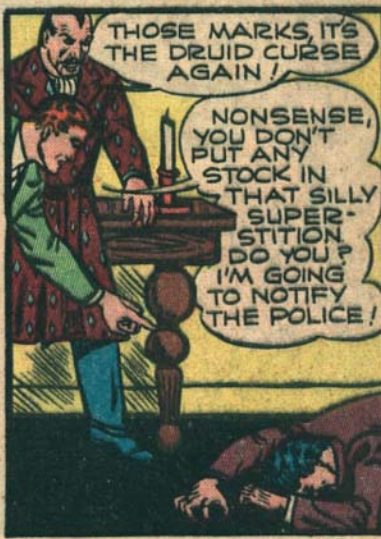
IN THE EERIE SILENCE OF A LONELY OAK GROVE, THE ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS MEETS AND PERFORMS ITS SACRED RITUAL. THROUGH THE CENTURIES, ALL WHO DARE TO TRESPASS ON THEIR GROVE ARE SUBJECT TO THEIR ANCIENT AND TERRIBLE CURSE!

ONE NIGHT SIR ROGER STEYNE, HIS WIFE, THEIR DAUGHTER AND HER FIANCEE ARE TALKING EXCITEDLY!

COME, COME SIR ROGER YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE DRUIDS WALK AT NIGHT, DO YOU?

I CAN'T GET OVER THAT FOOL ALFRED GOING WALKING ON DRUID NIGHT







LATER, AT SCOTLAND YARD

GENTLEMEN, THERE'S BEEN A DEATH REPORTED UP AT SIR ROGER STEYNE'S PLACE AND SOMETHING ABOUT A DRUID CURSE HAUNTING THE PLACE.



I WANT YOU TO RUN UP AND CHECK ON IT MCCARTHY, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUTINE



YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING BEHIND THIS DRUID BUSINESS, CHIEF!

NON-SENSE, BENTLEY. YOU'RE TOO SUSPICIOUS!



AT THE STEYNE ESTATE

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO'S WHO?

I'M SIR HAROLD STEYNE! ---MY BROTHER, ROGER, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER!



YOU CAN RETIRE IF YOU LIKE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS FROM HERE ON!

THANK YOU DETECTIVE MCCARTHY!



LATER THAT NIGHT, AT BENTLEY'S HOME...



WHAT'S THAT! MCCARTHY KILLED! I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!



LATER

IT'S FANTASTIC, BENTLEY. HE WAS FOUND DEAD. POISONED FROM A SNAKE BITE

I HAD A HUNCH THERE WAS SOMETHING TO THAT DRUID BUSINESS



I'M GOING TO HAVE A RUN UP THERE, MYSELF, AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

I WISH YOU WOULD BENTLEY!





LATER, BENTLEY ARRIVES AT THE HAUNTED OAK GROVE!

SO THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE SPOOKS HANG OUT!

SUDDENLY--

HMM!--  
STRANGE!--  
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WAS DIGGING FOR SOMETHING HERE

WHAT! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM!

I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S UNDER THAT BED-SHEET!

THE HOODED FIGURE LASHES OUT LIGHTNING-LIKE. AND BENTLEY FALLS TO THE GROUND.

AND ----

THEN IT DISAPPEARS IN THE DARKNESS!

MOMENTS LATER

OOO. WHAT A WALLOP!

MY LEG, IT'S NUMB, I CAN'T GET UP!



JUPITER! I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE VENOM.



I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THIS KNIFE!



BENTLEY THEN TAKES HIS KNIFE AND CUTS AWAY THE POISON FROM HIS LEG.



THIS'LL HOLD UNTIL I GET TO THE HOUSE



BACK AT THE HOUSE

BUT HOW ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN THOSE DEATHS!

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BELIEVE IN SUCH NON-SENSE, HAROLD!



SUDDENLY

WHAT'S THAT!

SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR!



I'M INSPECTOR BENTLEY OF SCOTLAND YARD!

GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU!



I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, FOLKS---A HUMAN SNAKE, THE MURDERER OF INSPECTOR MCCARTHY AND ALFRED STEYNE, AND HE'S IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW!



INSPECTOR BENTLEY KNOWS WHO THE MYSTERIOUS HOODED KILLER IS?

DO YOU?

CHECK THIS LIST AND THEN TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE ----

1. SIR ROGER STEYNE
2. HIS DAUGHTER, IRENE
3. HER FIANCE
4. HER BROTHER, HAROLD
5. LADY RUTH STEYNE







HAVE ANY OF YOU LEFT THE HOUSE THIS EVENING?

WHY, NO!



YOU'RE LYING! YOU WERE OUTSIDE TONIGHT, AS A MATTER OF FACT IT WAS YOU WHO ATTACKED ME IN THE OAK GROVE!



THIS BIT OF CRUSHED ACORN WHICH YOU SO CARELESSLY LEFT ON THE TIP OF YOUR SHOE CONVINCES ME!



YOU WERE DIGGING FOR GOLD--- DRUID GOLD WEREN'T YOU? YOU KNEW ABOUT THE DRUID PRACTICE OF BURYING THEIR WEALTH--- AND YOUR MIND BECAME CRAZED WITH THE OBSESSION OF FINDING IT!



OUT OF MY WAY YOU MEDDLER!

OOO! MY LEG!

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY! YOU FOOL!



YOU USED A SNAKE FOR YOUR MURDERING BECAUSE YOU KNEW THE SNAKE WAS THE SACRED SYMBOL OF THE DRUIDS --- AND ALL FOR GOLD YOU ONLY THOUGHT EXISTED!

IT'S THERE I TELL YOU! --- I KNOW IT'S THERE AND I'D HAVE FOUND IT, BUT FOR YOU.



EVEN IF IT IS, IT'LL NEVER DO YOU ANY GOOD WHERE YOU'RE GOING! EITHER TO THE GALLOWS! --- OR AN INSANE ASYLUM!



WHEN ALFRED STEYNE AND MCCARTHY STUMBLERED ON YOU, YOU KILLED THEM. FORTUNATELY I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MYSELF!

EVERY ISSUE OF PEP COMICS BRINGS YOU ANOTHER THRILLING BENTLEY MYSTERY.



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